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LETTER DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 10 November 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation and in order to drop heat flares.

1 November 1994

Southern region: 151 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Samawah, Basra, Chabaish, Salman, Qurnah, Shanafiyah, the area south of Diwaniyah and Qal'at Sukkar.

- At 1218 hours on 1 November 1994, five hostile formations violated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 15-20 km flying at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes over Qal'at Sukkar.

2 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Shatrah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Chabaish, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1310 hours on 3 November 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped 5 heat flares on Fa'idah in Dohuk Governorate.

4 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 76 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Khidr, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Chabaish, Salman and Artawi.

- At 0920 and 1121 hours on 4 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Artawi, Chabaish, Qal'at Sukkar, Shanafiyah, Jalibah, Shatrah, Samawah, Nasiriyah and Jabal Sanam. They left at 1023 and 1235 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

5 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, the area south of Diwaniyah and Ushbayjah.

- At 0905 and 1125 hours on 5 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi, Nasiriyah, and the area south of Diwaniyah. They left at 1015 and 1240 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

6 November 1994

Northern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Chabaish, Busayyah and Suq al-Shuyukh.

- At 0855 and 1110 hours on 6 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over southern Iraq. They left at 1006 and 1320 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

7 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 87 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Artawi, Jalibah, Samawah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah and Shatrah.

- From 0905 hours to 1350 hours, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over southern Iraq, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0905 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1000 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraq at 1117 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1350 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1150 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1225 hours.

8 November 1994

Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, the area south of Najaf, the area south of Diwaniyah, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

- On 8 November 1994, two United States TR-1 aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraqi airspace over southern Iraq, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0904 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1020 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1108 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1323 hours.

9 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Aqrah, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern area: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Shatrah and Busayyah.

10 November 1994

Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Salman, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Samawah and Khidr.

- At 0905 and 1115 hours on 10 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraqi airspace over southern Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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